

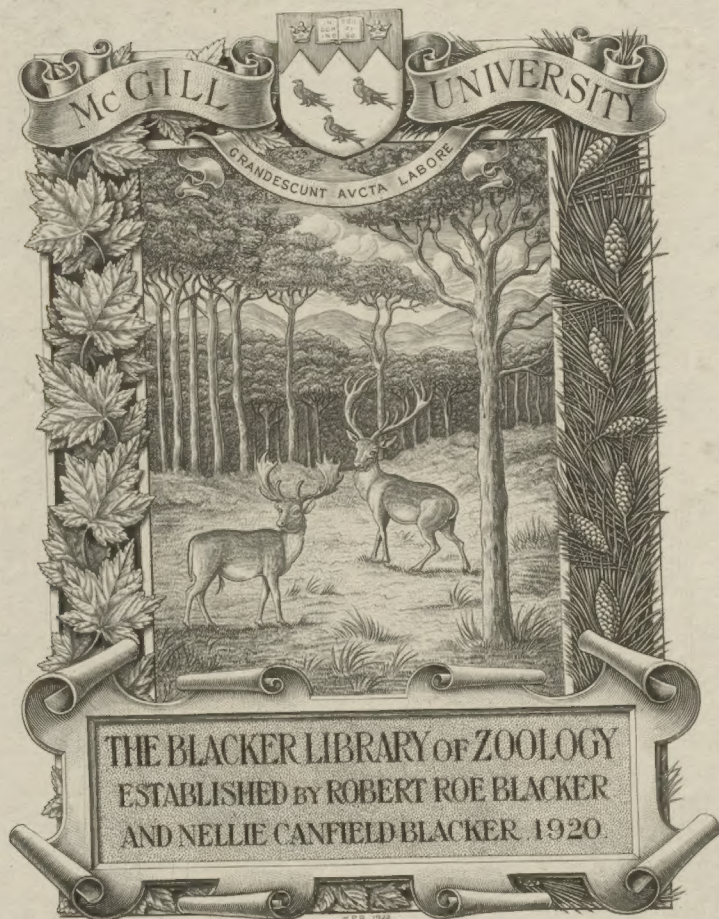
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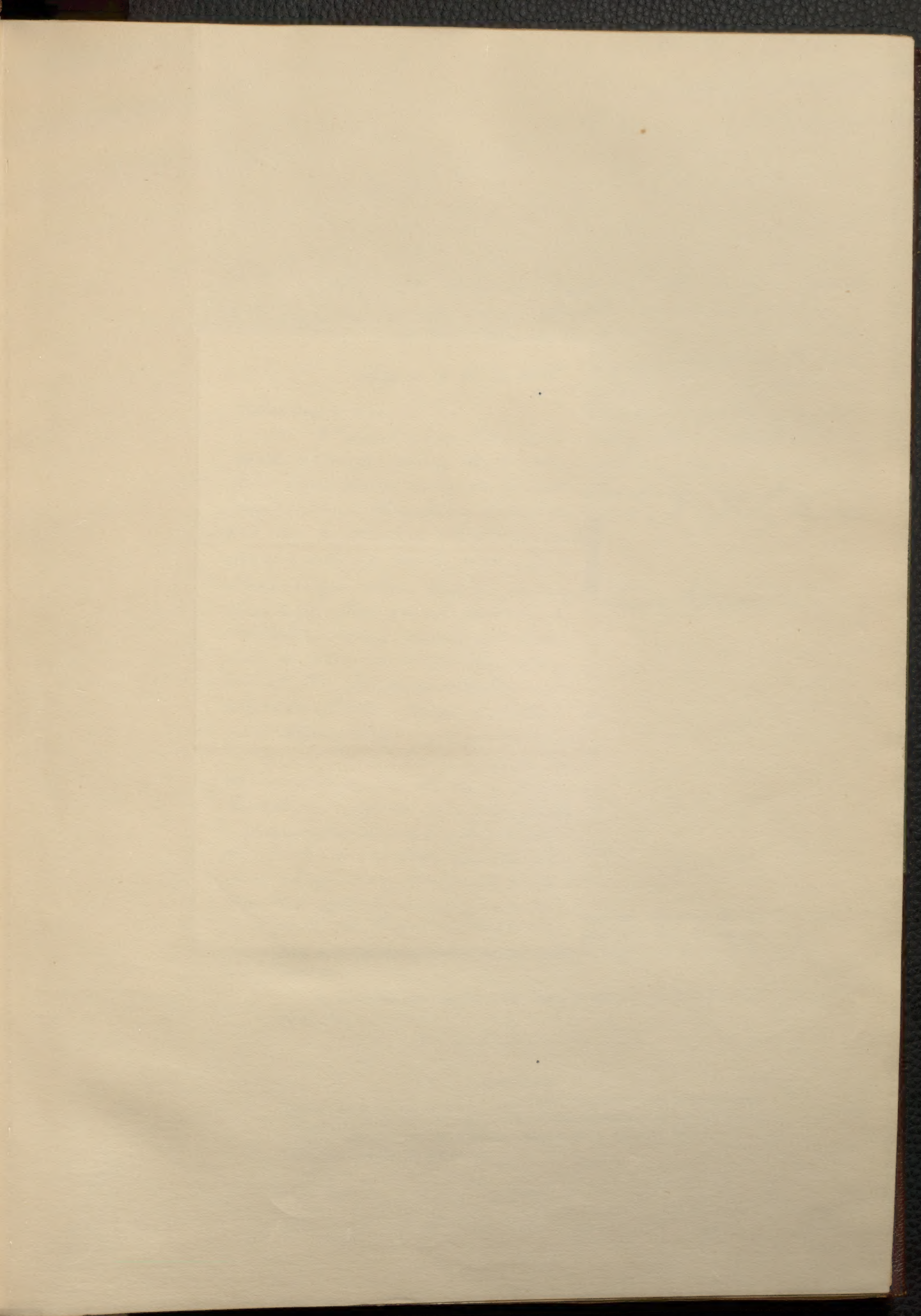
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until the plates were prepared.

Sturford 4 June 1886

Dear Sir,

I have your letter and I by me, the surviving
with at once to say that I think all the hand writing
you have done will be seen the best of my mother,
horrible place I might have believed you that of my father.

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Dear friend, I am very sorry to hear
that you are so sick. I hope you will
soon be well. I have been thinking of
writing to you for some time, but have
not had time. I am very well at present.
The weather is very beautiful here.
I have been out for a walk every day.
The day was very hot, but the evening
was very beautiful. I am very well.
There are many clouds about this after-
noon, I suppose they are making up
for a storm in a day or two. We have
seen no body since you left, but
intend to call on Miss Parker as
soon as we have time, to tell her
all about your doings. I enclose
the 2 grain Calomel powder and hope
that you will not want it. I am
at the House you lodge in. I hope
we shall all be so glad to hear your
accounts of you all. And do not
forget the picture, brighter than
it really is. I have nothing
particular to say to you from

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 yours affectionately
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 that of my father.



Mrs H. Mejer
 Captain Turner
 Sea House
 Castbourne
 Essex

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June 8 1906

Constance Meijer

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My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 10th
inst. in relation to the
matter of the
and in reply to inform you
that the same has been
forwarded to the
proper authorities for their
consideration.
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. [Name]

Yours truly,
J. H. [Name]



*London with black. all the feathers the same
 The upper surface have the spots, have brown
 legs and feet pure bluish lead colour, the
 cheeks bluish black, nails dusky*
 NOW IN COURSE OF PUBLICATION,
*Wings 1 1/2 inches, middle toe 3 inches, inner toe 2 inch
 2 lines, outer 2 3/4 inches.*

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BY H. L. MEYER.

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female Red headed Parula
particulars taken from a fresh specimen

Beak dusky with black nail.

1 3/4 inch from forehead to tip - 2 inch from corner -

1 inch 11 lines from gape to tip.

Eyes dusky with a yellowish ring.

Head a rufous brownish number 100 on the top of

the head a dull white streak under the eyes extending back

wards to the ears. Cheeks, the chin, & throat pure buff. The throat lying

feather on the neck. ~~Back~~ shoulders cinereous brown

each feather ~~is~~ bordered with rufous number

Back, a scapular silver grey thickly marked with

grey waving dusky lines.

Wings (sub-mast) obscure as dark as rufous

on the lower part of the back.

Wings 7 1/2 inches from carpal to tip, the 2 first quills

the longest. The primaries greyish drab with dusky

tips, the four first edged in the same as the outer

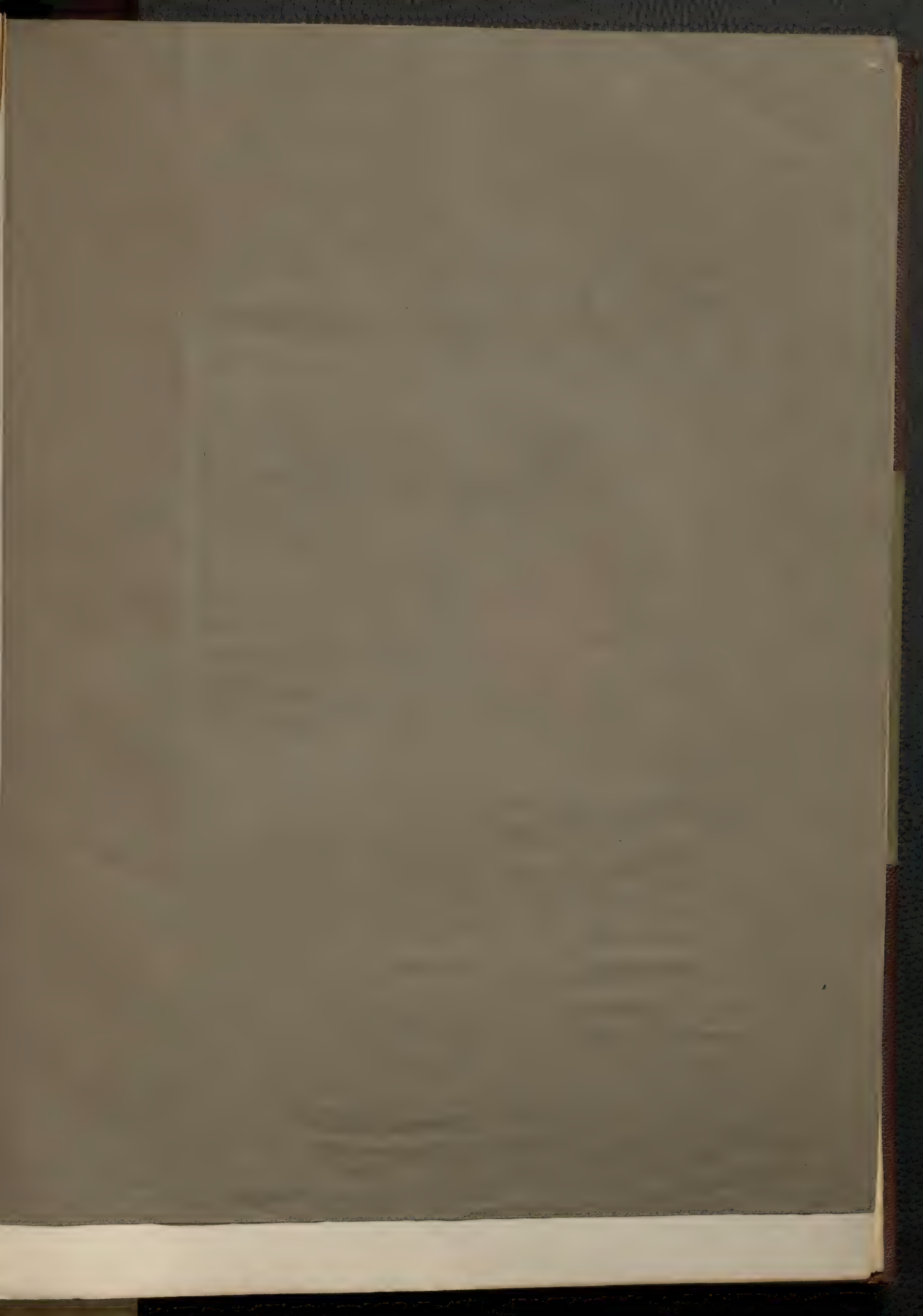
web. The secondaries, cinereous ash plumed tipped with

hull white from the grey speculum bordered with white

the back is smooth brown - greater clasp wing over

under wing over to ^{tip of} tail covers silver white. Vent

in rufous drab. The last feathers of speculum & tail are narrowly





the larger ^{light} ~~black~~ ^{grey} - tail dusky. ^{throat} ~~throat~~ ^{belly} ~~belly~~ ^{under wing} ~~under wing~~ ^{coverts} ~~coverts~~ ^{silver} ~~silver~~ ^{white} ~~white~~. ^{but} ~~but~~ ^{circum} ~~circum ^{dark} ~~dark~~ ^{feathers} ~~feathers ^{of} ~~of ^{primary} ~~primary ^{feathers} ~~feathers~~ ^{narrowly} ~~narrowly~~~~~~~~~~

C. M. M.

British Birds,

H. S. Meyer

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more mixed with a brownish dusky. The ^{head} is
very irregular to show a tail covered with very white. But
in some of the back feathers a greenish blue & a little brown is visible.

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Fire Crested Wren
Titmouse and Blue Titmouse
Marsh Titmouse & Cole Titmouse
Long tailed Titmouse
Crested Titmouse
Bearded Titmouse
Bohemian Chatterer

Particulars of a white duck or goose shot at Shepperton
January 11th 1841. Entire length from beak to tail 27 inches.
(Weight 6 lbs.) expanse 36 inches - tail extending beyond the wings
4 inches, tail, when held up, reaching to tip of tail - beak from
forehead $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches, from gape $2\frac{3}{4}$ - the same from frontal point to
tip - tip of beak to front corner of eye $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, upper mandible
1 inch in width throughout - wing from carpus to tip 11-3 lines, 2 quill
rather the longest, tail of 14 feathers, pointed, the outer 2 inches shorter
than the middle ones, tarsus 2 inches 3 lines, middle toe with nail 2-9 lines
outer toe 2-6 lines, inner 2-2. Hinders 11 lines - Plumage entirely
without a spot - head neck & whole body delicate cream colour
wings & tail pure white. Throat slightly ribbed longitudinally
like the common goose. A slight shade of ash colour on the
nape & mantle and sides of the throat - legs, toes & webs pure
transparent red lead - iris brown, eyelids pale orange, bill
yellowish flesh colour at base, more red towards the centre, and
rich ruby towards the tip, lower mandible flesh colour, nail
of both mandibles dusky horn colour, as well as the ridge from
the forehead to near the tip, extending over the membrane of
the nostrils - a knob upon the ridge of the upper mandible
about one third from the tip - nails of toes pale flesh - toes
color of toes the same - 1st quill feather simate -

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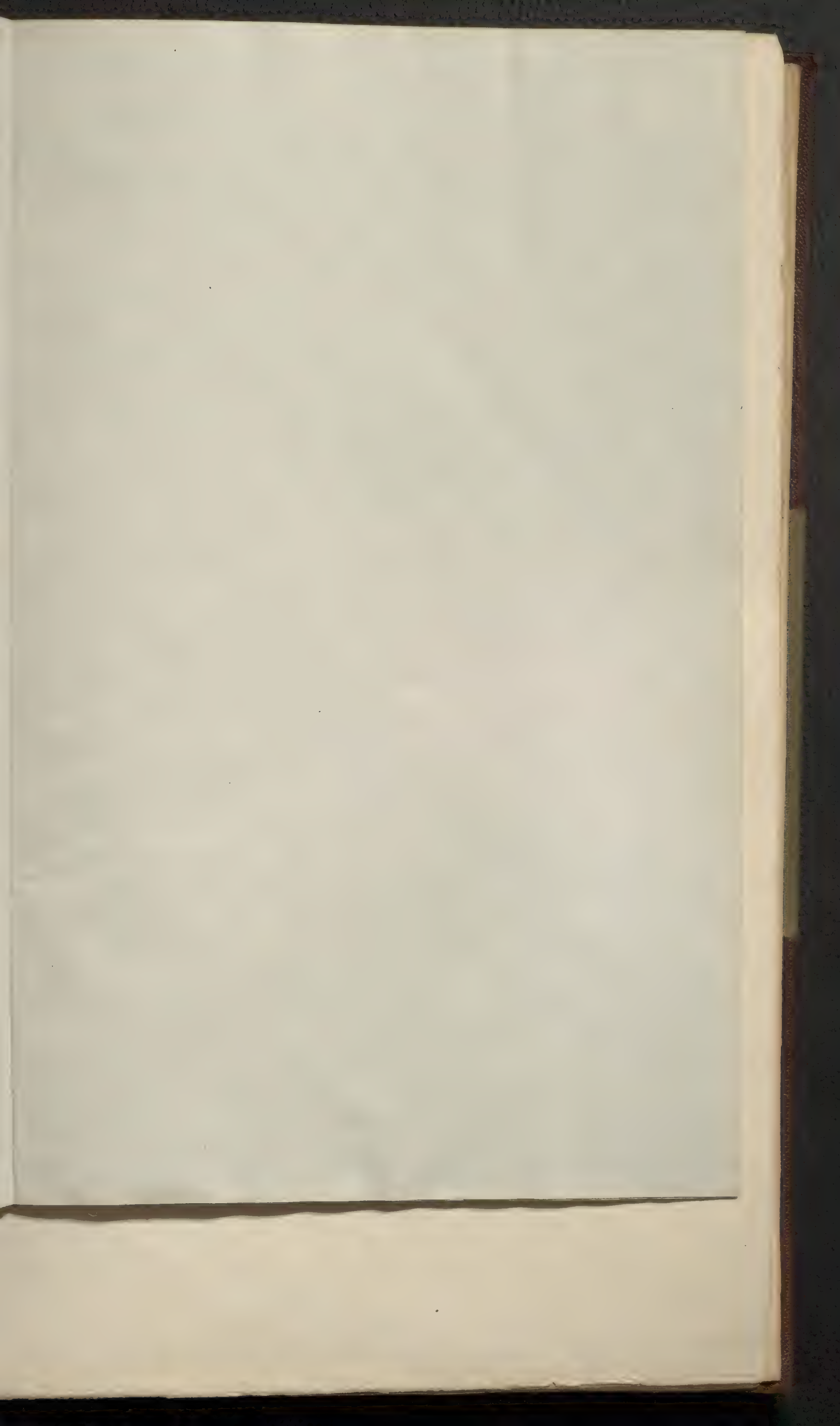
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Kese Street London, that a gentleman in his
neighbourhood had found a nest of young
song thrushes in the spring of 1840 and had
brought them up & were now living and
doing well. - The nest contained three
white thrushes and are now of the same
colour. -

In autumn of 1838. I saw a beautiful
male Wood chat by the road side
under a young oak tree, between
Hatchland and Guildford. -

Mallard) Coots seen 1 1/2 N. near the
wild March 1841. Weybridge.

Partridge 1 1/2 ^{lb} tail - Shad - date
beak from forehead 2 inches; from gape 2-3 lines, depth of beak at base
8 lines, nostril oval, horizontal to edge of the upper mandible. ^{as far as the} entire length
23 1/2 inches, wing from carpus to tip 10 1/2 inches, tail 2 1/2 inches beyond
the wings. legs & feet pale, ^{yellowish} slate colour, centre of webs, claws &
tarsus dusky - Tarsus 1-9 middle toe & nail 2-5 lines
Under parts pure white, tinged with yellow ore on the side of the crown,
& undulated with grey on the flanks & towards the abdomen -
beak slate, black at corner of base, and along the upper ridge.



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Captain

John A. Leach

London

Private

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(Galeus bairdii)

breeding places. It is abundant in the rocky
coast of "Laurier" is preserved from this species in the
to its favorite haunt. From a specimen in the British Museum -
The ^{young} marked with α is the one taken in the
species, and is representative as well as all others in
this work of the natural life.

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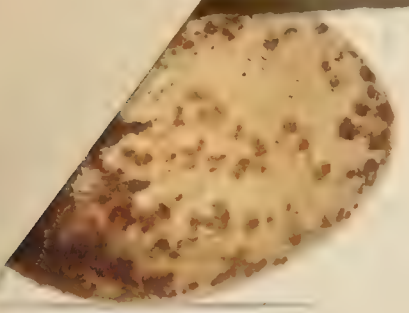
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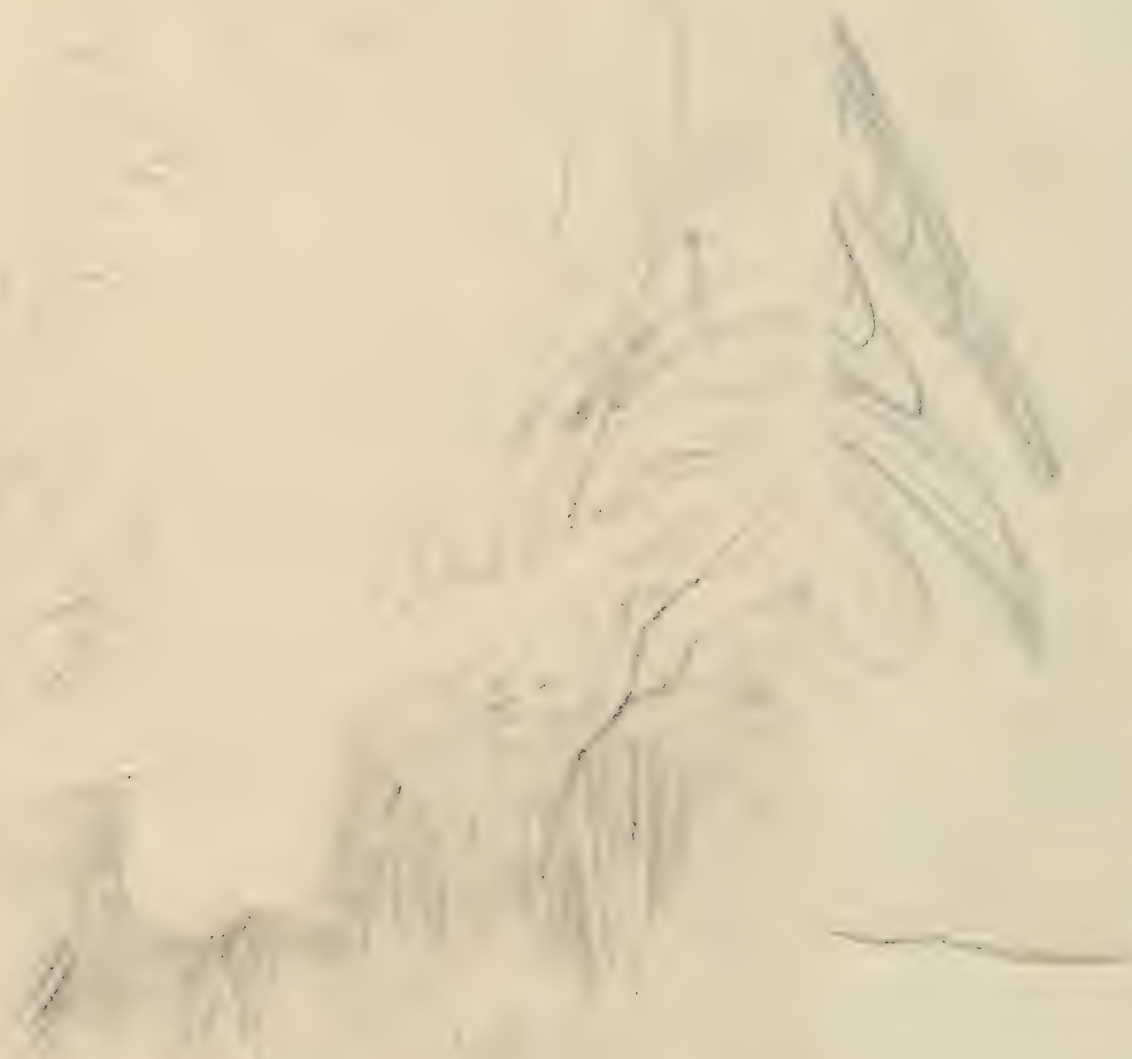




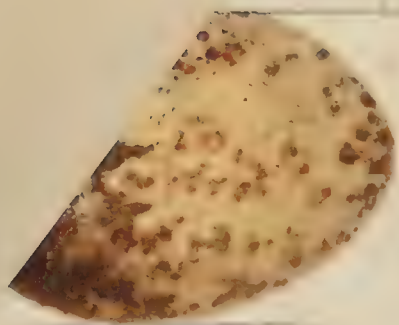
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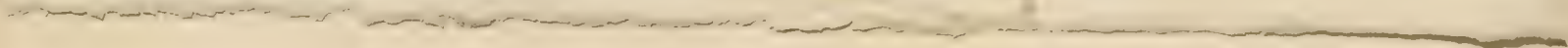
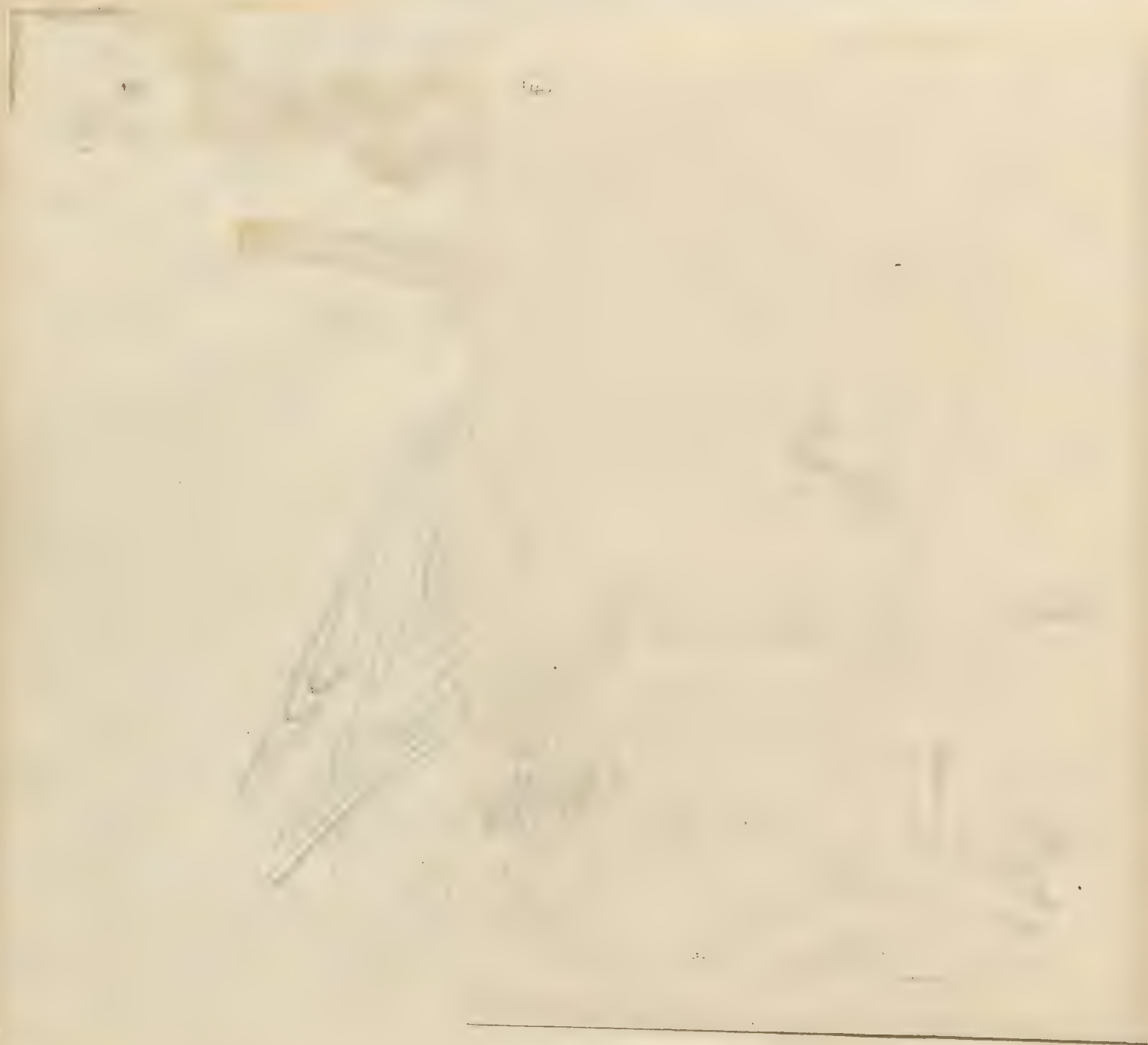


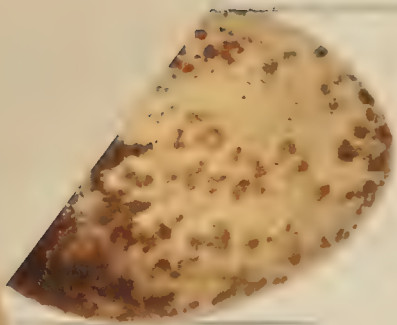
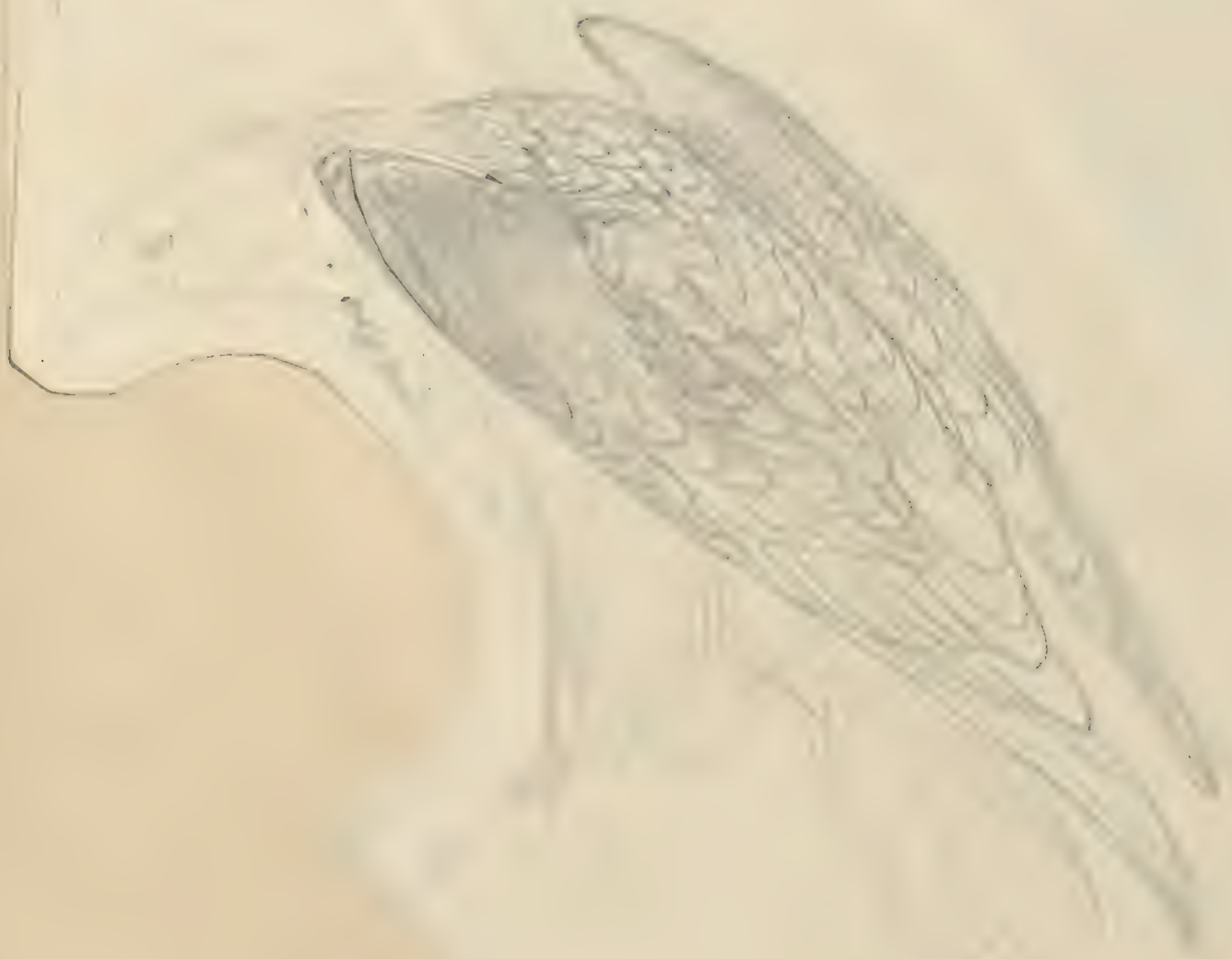
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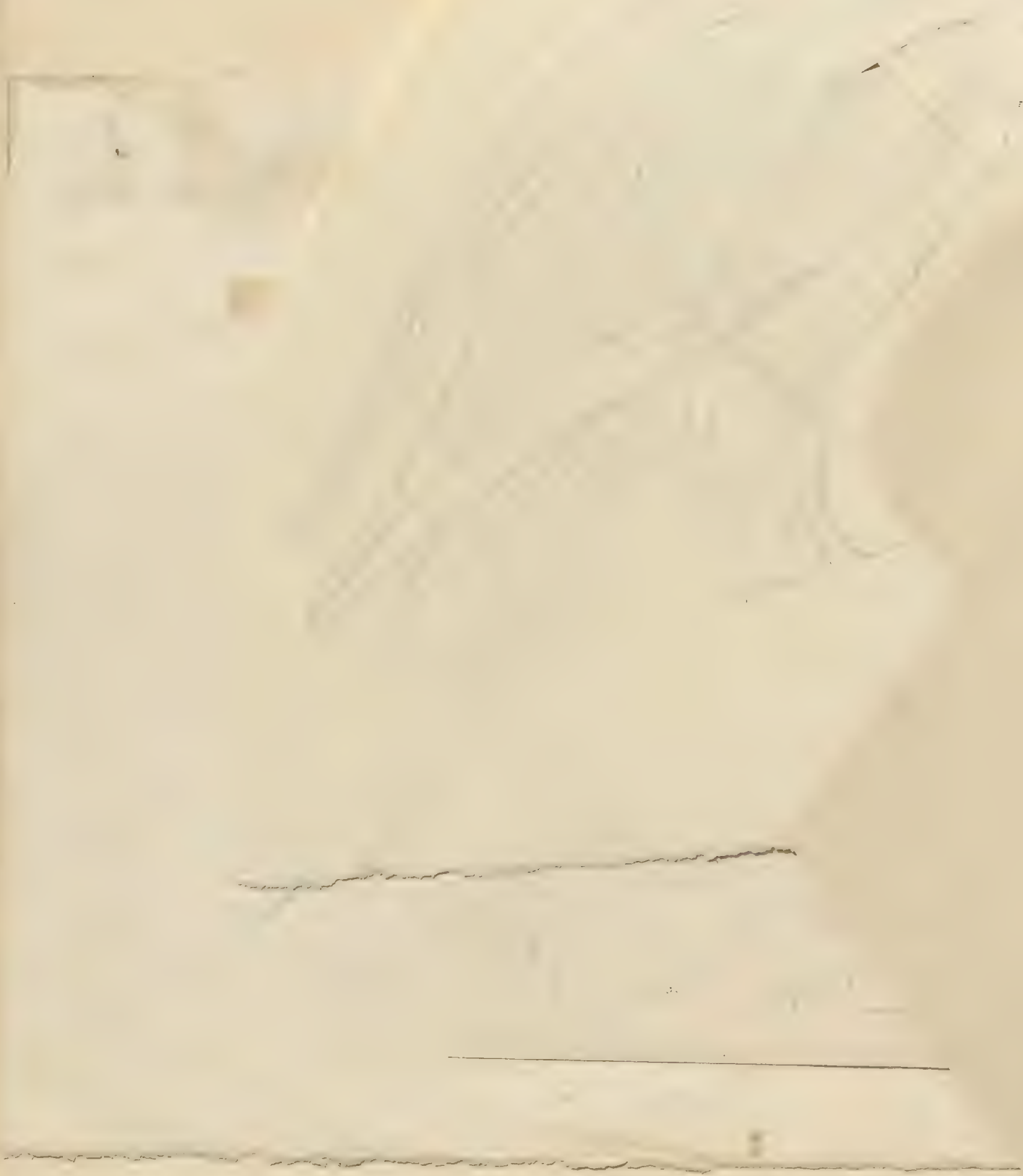


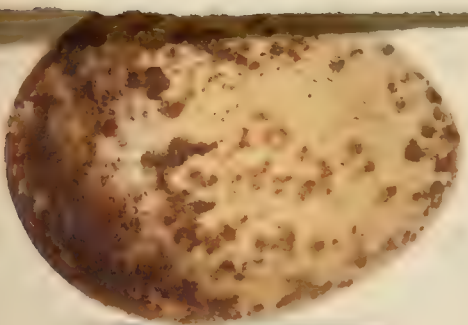
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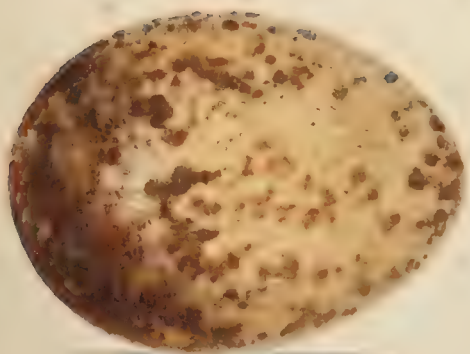






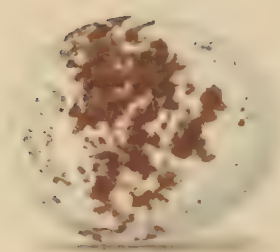








It is a very small bird, about the size of a sparrow, with a long tail and a small head. It is very common in the country, and is often seen in the fields and woods. It is a very active bird, and is often seen flying about in the air. It is a very beautiful bird, and is very popular with the people of the country.



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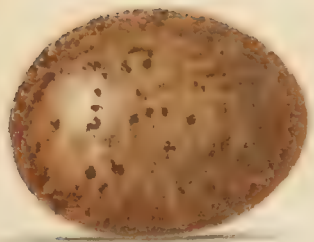












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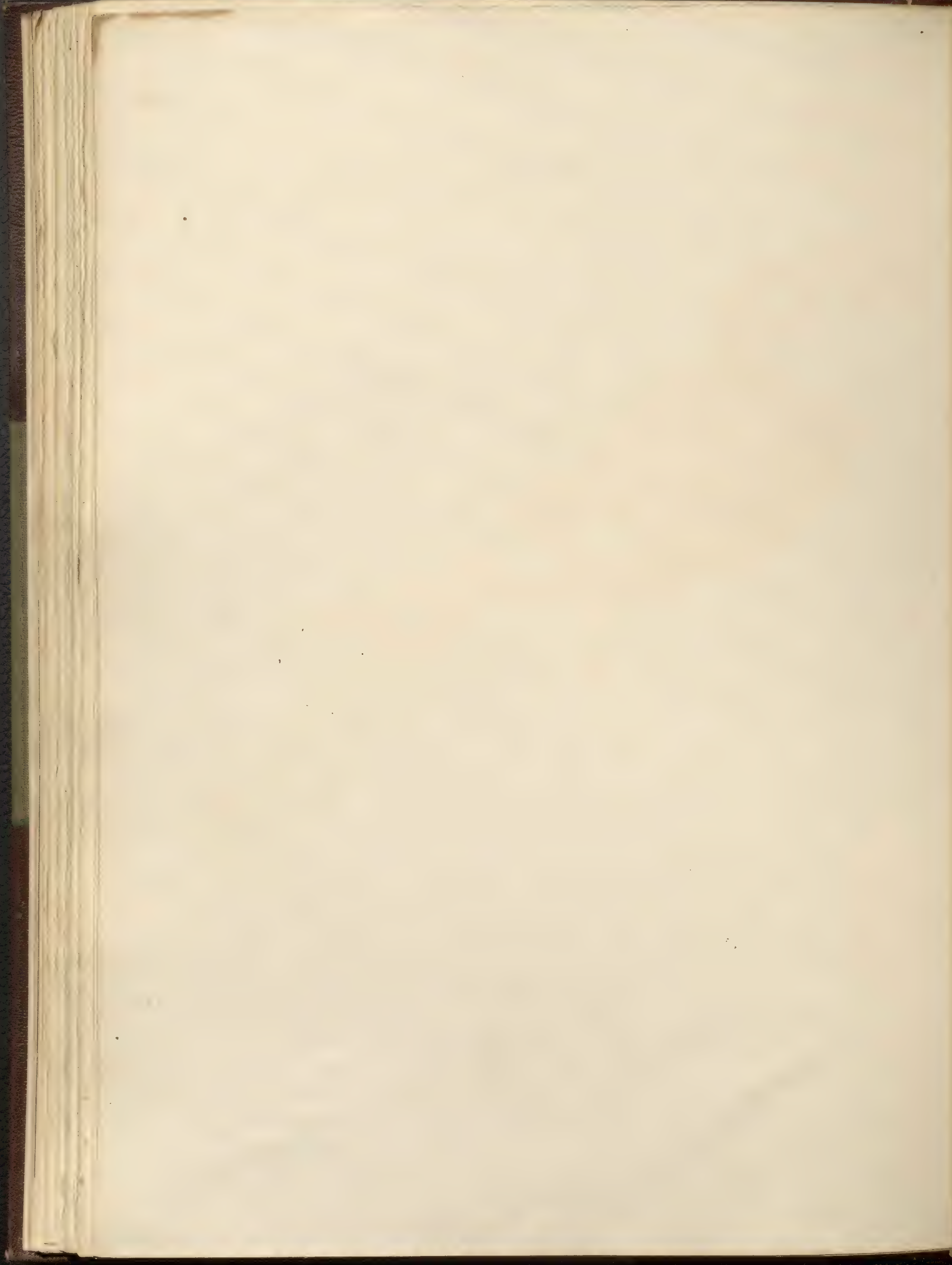






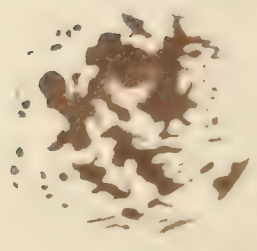
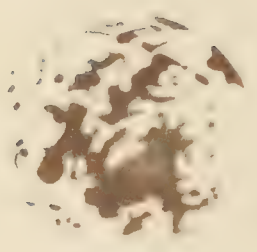
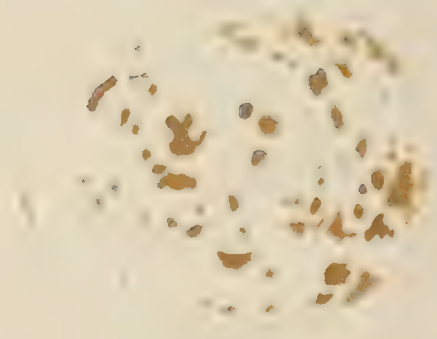
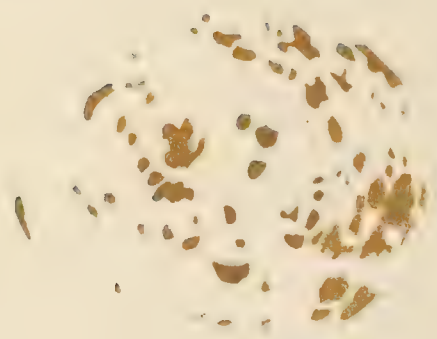












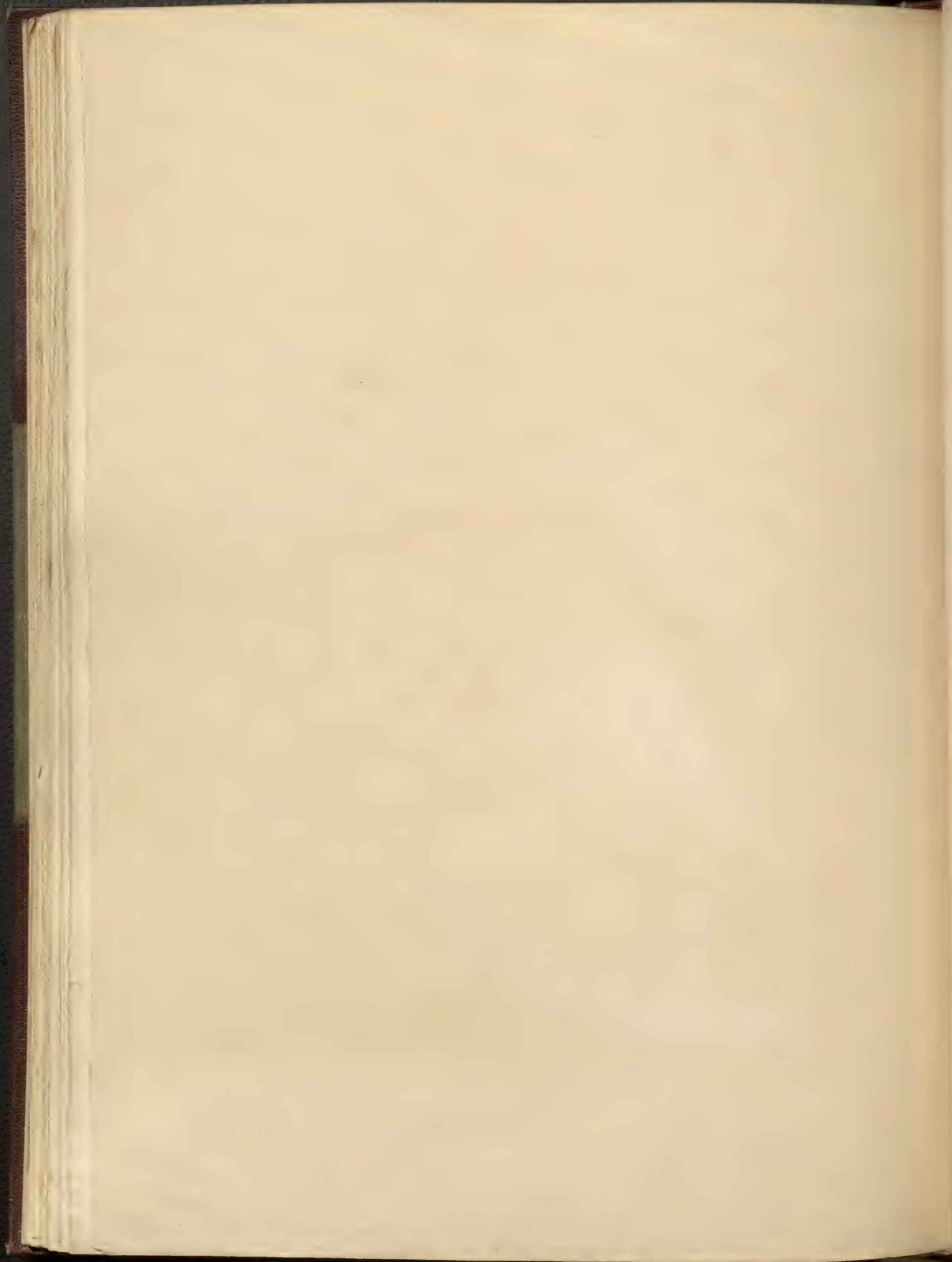




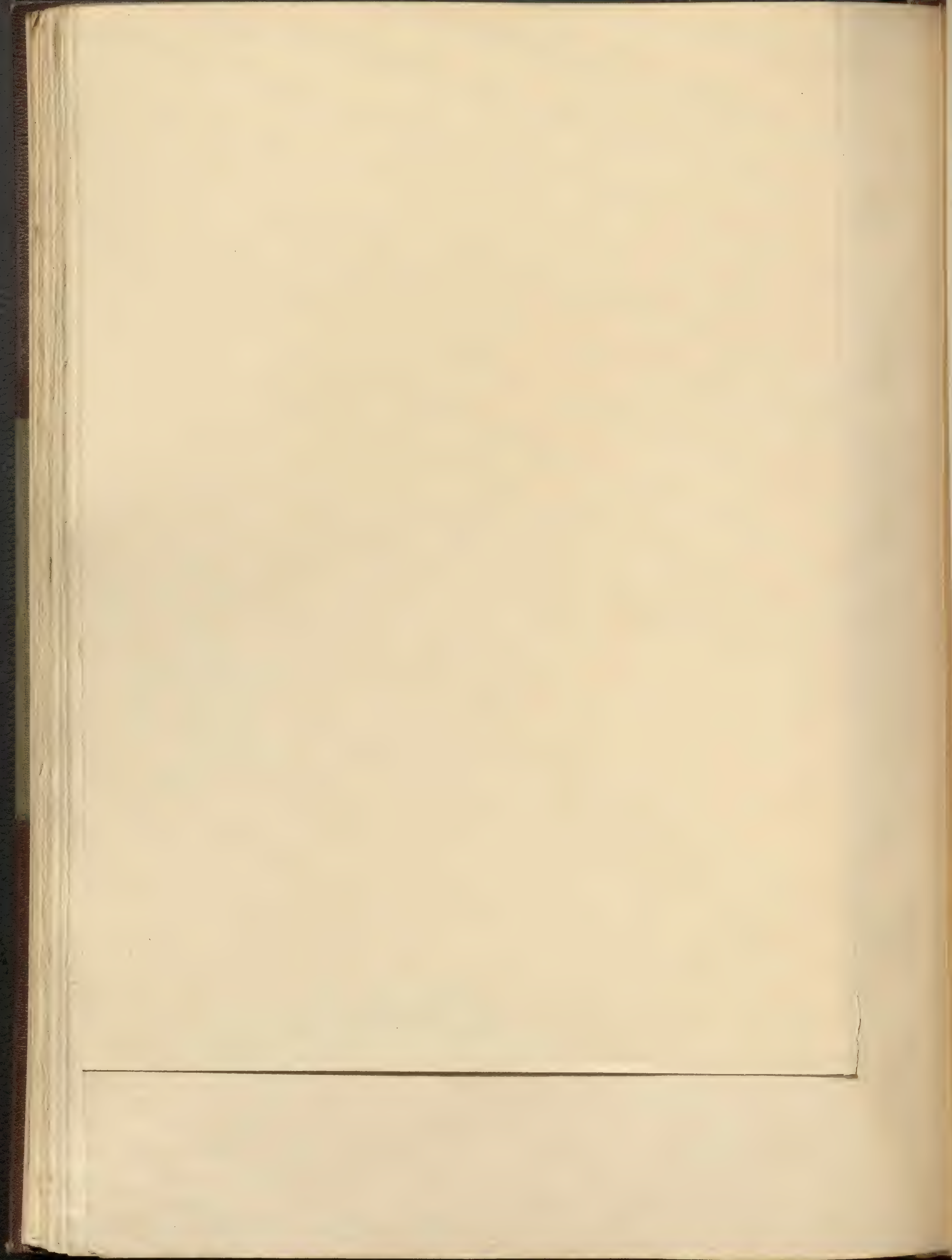
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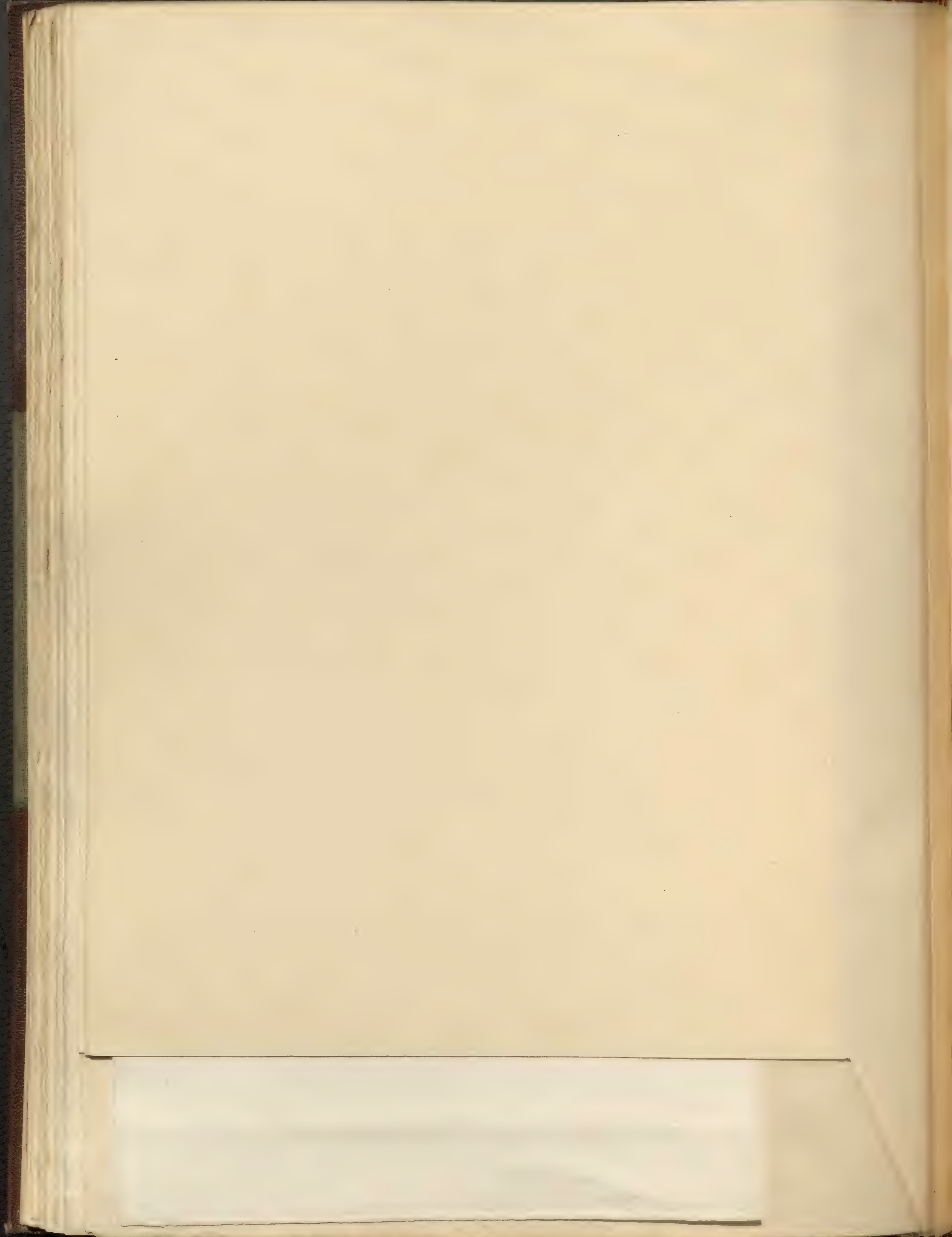




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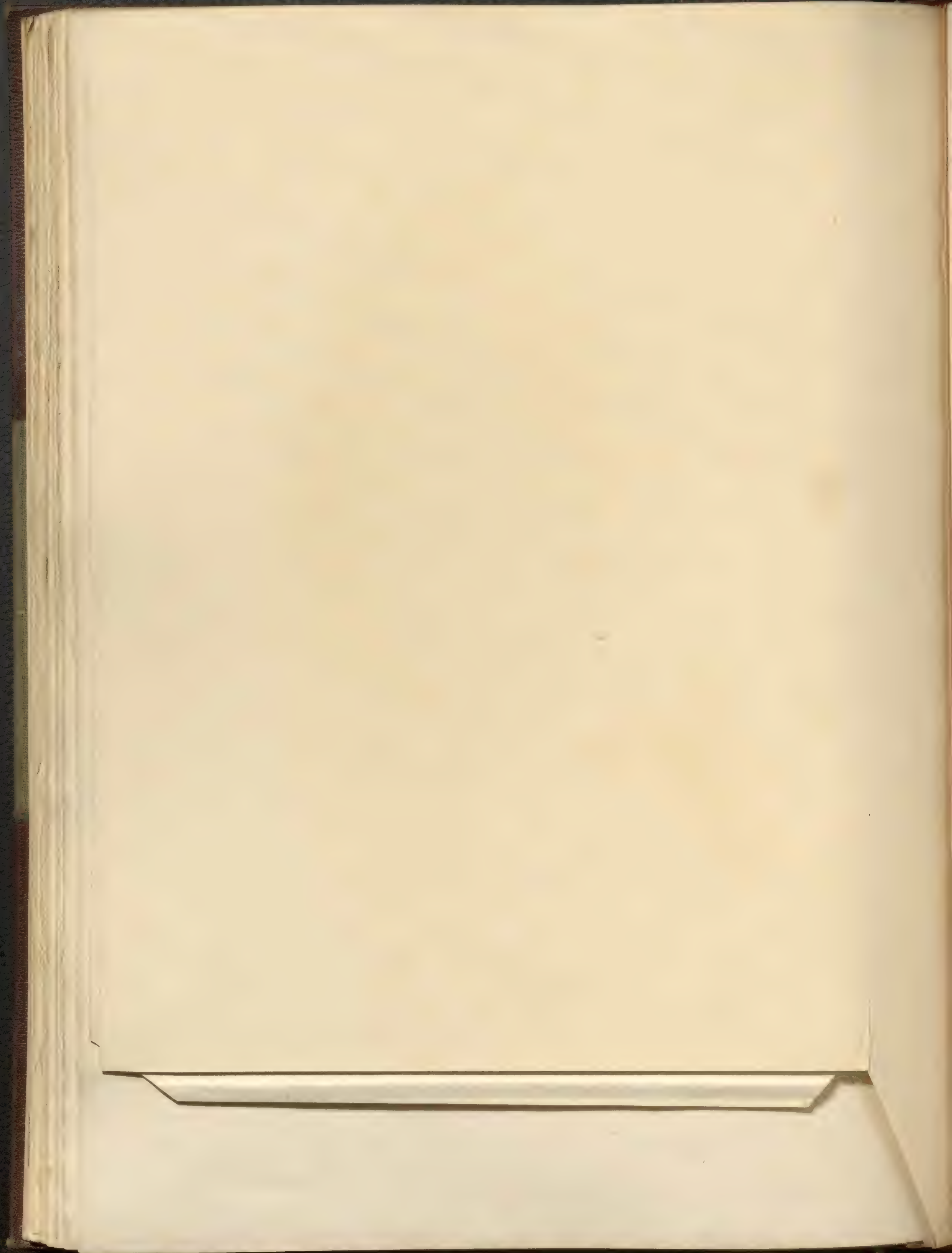




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wrote me by La B. Smith's letter
and that is true

length low price of money



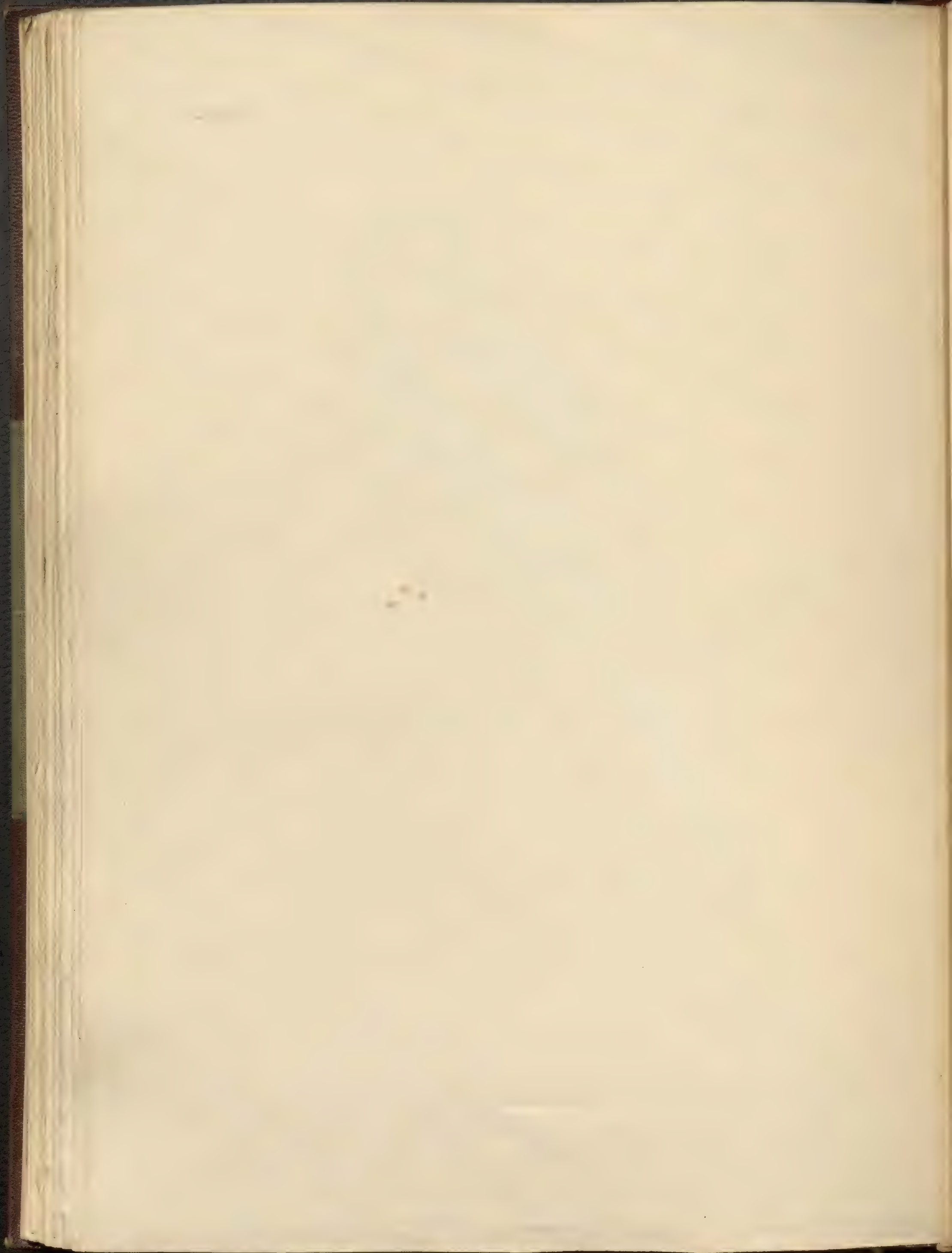




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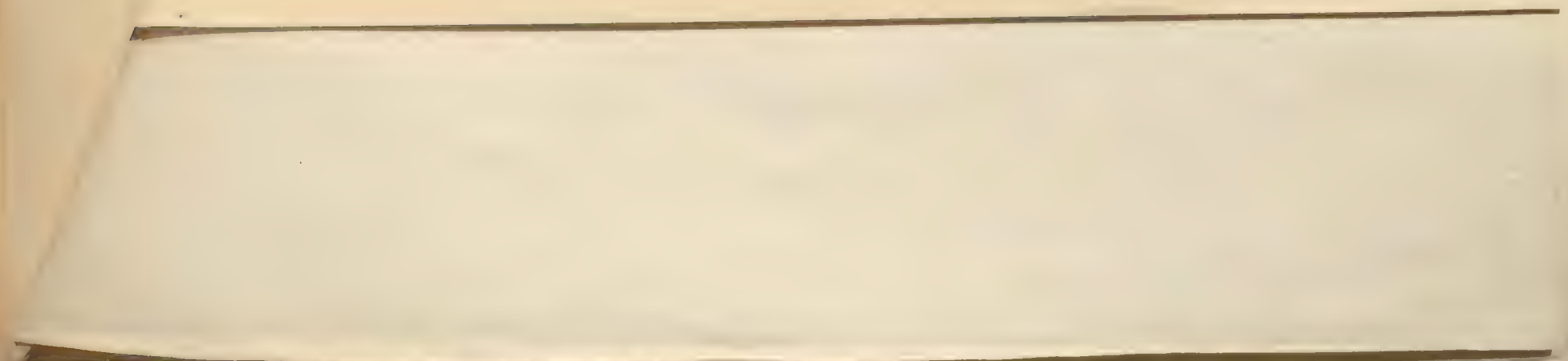
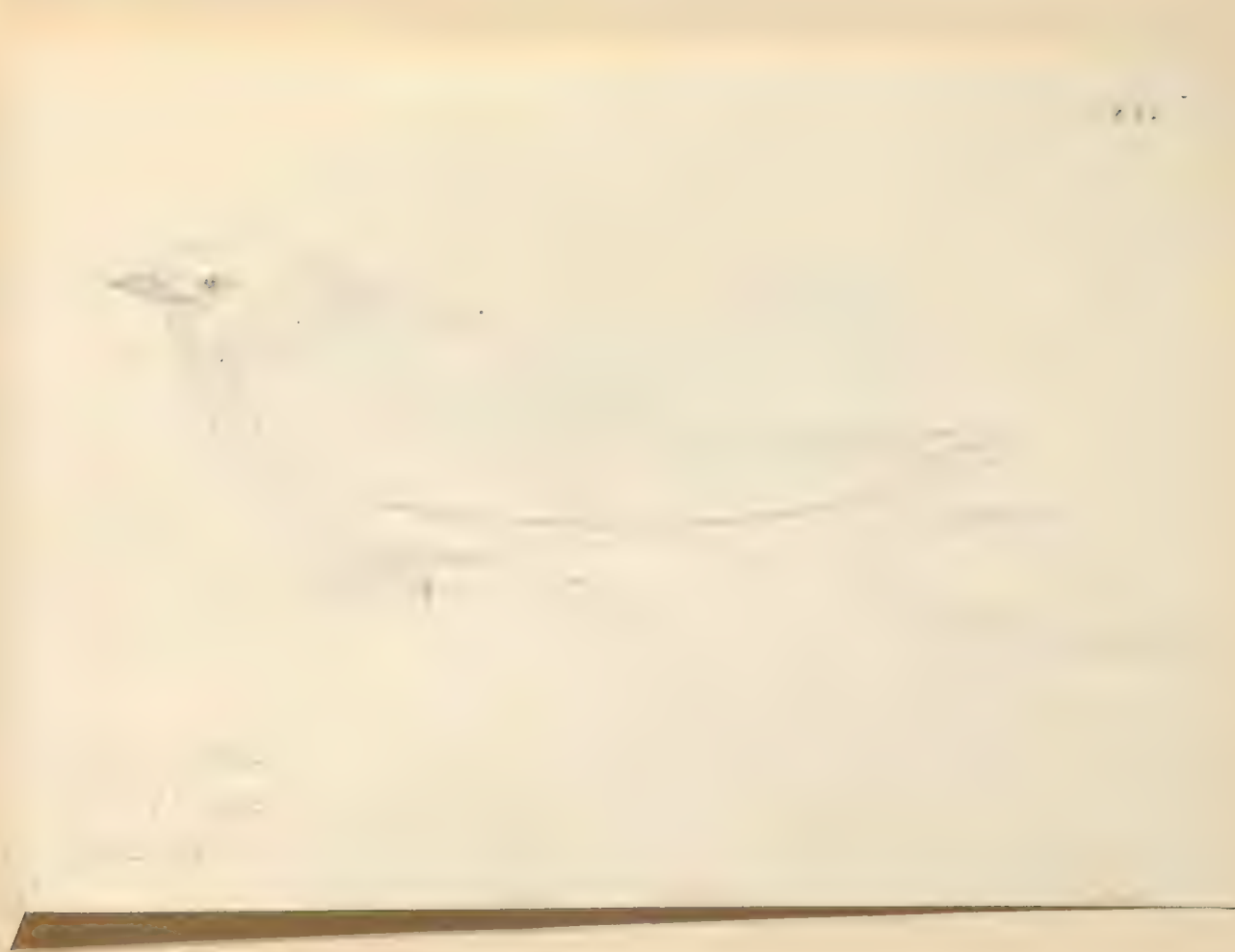














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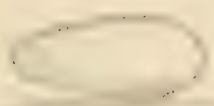


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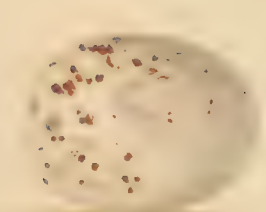












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My dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
11th inst. and in reply to inform
you that the same has been
forwarded to the proper
authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. [Signature]



Yours faithfully,
J. H. [Signature]





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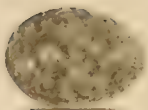




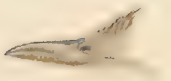
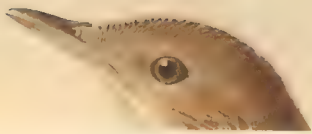


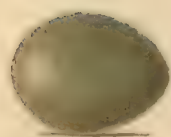


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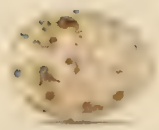


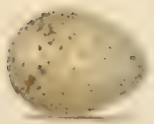










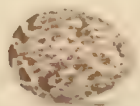






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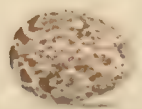


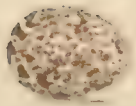






Phylloscopus collybita
Linn.
Svensk Fauna
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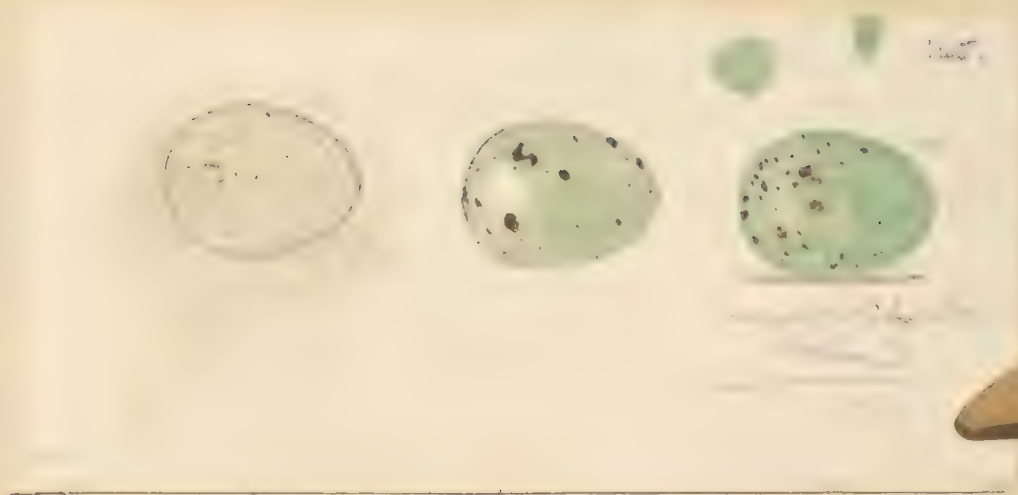
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NO 2. WHISTLE. This bird is
found in the mountains of
America and is very common.

NO 3. SPOTTED FLY-CATCHER
In the mountains and groves of
America. This bird is very common.







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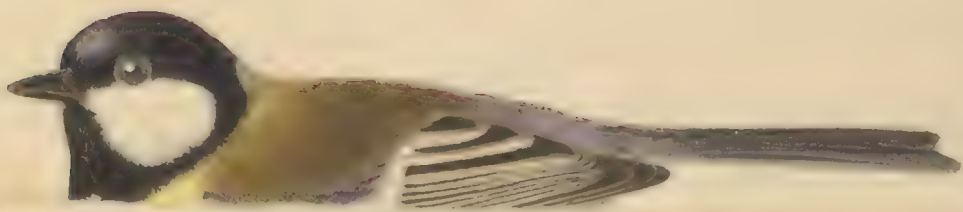












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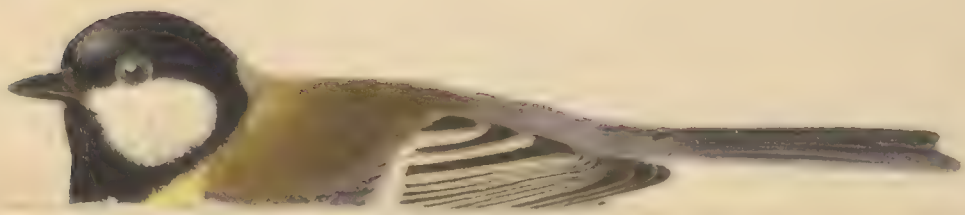
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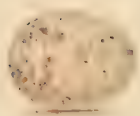
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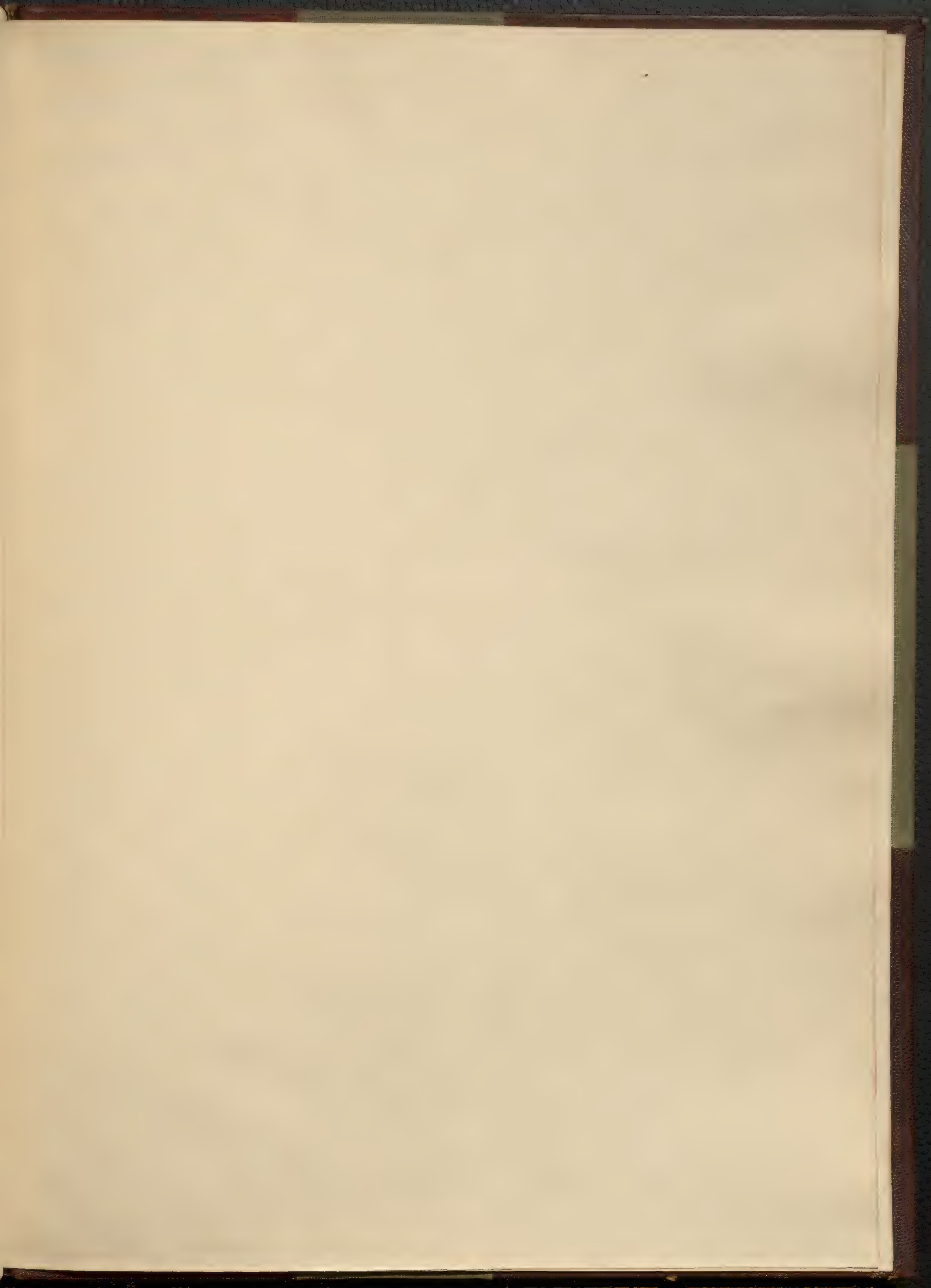
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